

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet "18/20" of drawings includes changes to Figures 21 and 22. This sheet, which includes Figures 21 and 22, replaces the original sheet including Figures 21 and 22. In Figures 21 and 22, the "adhesive" designated by reference number "148" is now represented by a drawing symbol in accordance with the suggested "adhesive" drawing symbol in Section 608.02(IX) of the MPEP.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 14-61 are pending in the above-referenced application. No claims have been amended in this Amendment and Response and the listing of claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's willingness to further elaborate on the objections and rejections contained in the Office action in a phone call on March 21, 2006, between the Examiner and patent attorney, Charles R. Matson.

I. Amendment to the Specification

The specification is amended herein to include paragraphs setting forth independent claims 1, 14, 26, 38, and 50. Claims as filed in the original specification are part of the disclosure. See MPEP § 2163.06(III). Claims 1, 14, 26, and 38 were filed as part of the original specification, and subsequently added claim 50 recites elements also recited in claim 38. As such, no new matter is added by this amendment.

II. Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 21 and 22 are amended herein to more clearly show the "adhesive" designated by reference number "148," now represented by a drawing symbol in accordance with the suggested "adhesive" drawing symbol in Section 608.02(IX) of the MPEP. The "adhesive 148" is designated on originally filed Figures 21 and 22 and is described in the specification in the paragraphs beginning on line 27 of page 17 and line 16 of page 18. As such, the amendments to Figures 21 and 22 to more clearly show the "adhesive 148" does not include new matter.

III. Objection to the Drawings

In the Office action, the drawings are objected to because they fail to disclose a suitable number of claimed structures which have an outer layer of adhesive on the opposing side of the grip enhancement material from the suction cup containing side.

As discussed and suggested in the above-mentioned phone call on March 21, 2006, Figures 21 and 22 have been amended to more clearly show the "adhesive 148" in accordance with the suggested "adhesive" drawing symbol in Section 608.02(IX) of the MPEP. Replacement Sheet "18/20" and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes "18/20" are included with this amendment and response. As discussed above, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Therefore, it is believed the drawings are no longer objectionable and such indication is respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 14-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office action, claims 14-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner also suggested that the specification be amended in such a way as to set forth at least each of the pending independent claims. As discussed above, the specification is amended herein to include paragraphs setting forth independent claims 1, 14, 26, 38, and 50. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Therefore, claims 14-61 are believed allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and such indication is respectfully requested.

V. Rejection of Claims 14-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office action, claims 14-61 are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,055,669 to Albert.

The present application indirectly claims priority to U.S. Pat. No. 6,055,669. In particular, the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/384,003, filed on March 7, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/179,423, filed on June 24, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/520,300 filed March 7, 2000, Patent No. 6,427,248, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/169,707, filed October 9, 1998, Patent No. 6,055,669, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/061,435, filed October 9, 1997. As such, U.S. Pat. No. 6,055,669 is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) against the claims of the present application.

Therefore, it is believed claims 14-61 are in form for allowance and such indication is respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

For at least the various reasons discussed herein, it is believed that all pending claims are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the November 28, 2005 Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Tuesday, May 30, 2006, as May 28, 2006 falls on a Sunday and May 29, 2006 falls on a federal holiday. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the extension of time fee. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Amendment. Should any such petitions or fees be

necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Dated: May 26, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



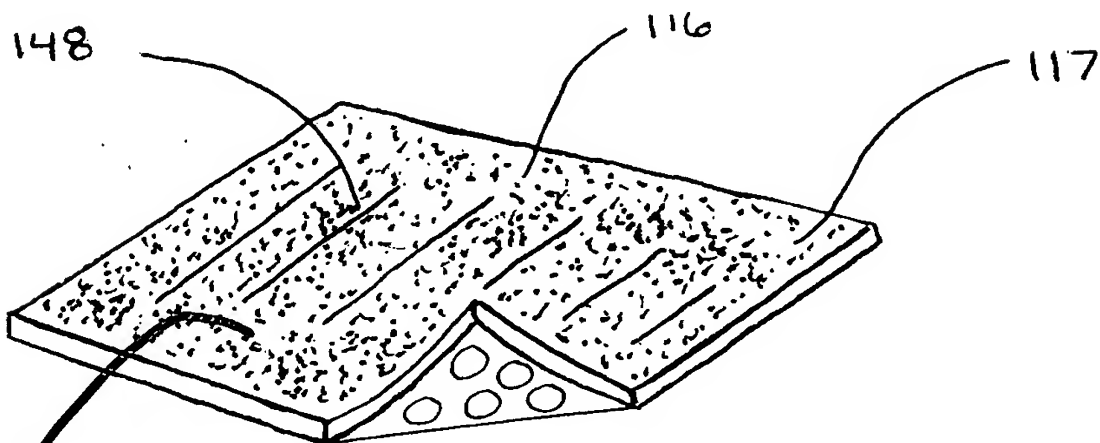
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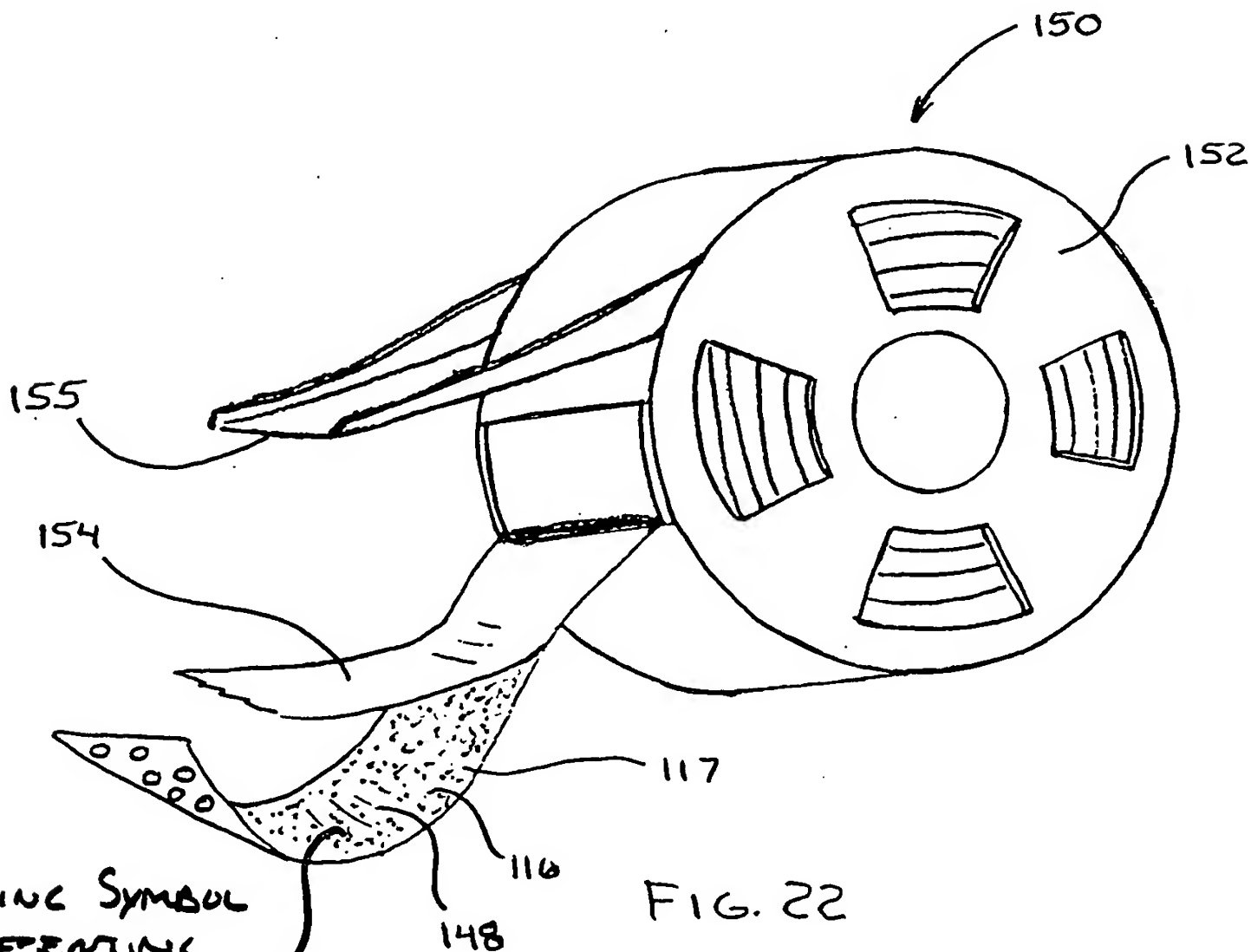
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DRAWING
SYMBOL REPRESENTING
ADHESIVE 148 IS
ADDED. FIG. 21



DRAWING SYMBOL
REPRESENTING
ADHESIVE 148
IS ADDED. FIG. 22